

Dakota ELP Administration Overview

All students in grades K–12 who are identified as limited English proficient (LEP) must be assessed annually with the *Dakota English Language Proficiency (Dakota ELP)* assessment to document progress in the attainment of English language proficiency. To fully assess the South Dakota State English Language Learning (ELL) Standards, additional questions have been added to the *Stanford English Language Proficiency (SELP)* test to create the *Dakota English Language Proficiency (Dakota ELP)* assessment.

Spring 2006 Administration: Critical Dates

January 9–12, 2006	Pretest workshops
January 23, 2006	Scheduled delivery of <i>Dakota ELP</i> assessment materials
January 27, 2006	Material shortages and requests for additional assessment materials must be reported to the Harcourt Customer Support Center at 1-800-763-2306. <i>Requests received after this date may not arrive in time for the administration and will be shipped at the district's expense.</i>
February 6–24, 2006 <i>Dakota ELP</i> Administration	
March 1, 2006	LAST DAY for scorable documents to be picked up by UPS
March 3, 2006	LAST DAY for scorable documents to be delivered to Harcourt Assessment's Scoring Center
June 2, 2006	Districts receive <i>Dakota ELP</i> results

Questions regarding the identification process, annual assessment, and/or provision of assessment accommodations for LEP students should be directed to **Stephani Lebeda at 1-605-773-4693 or stephani.lebeda@state.sd.us**.

Dakota STEP-A Administration Overview

(Formerly known as the S.T.A.A.R.S alternate assessment)

The *Dakota STEP Alternate Assessment (Dakota STEP-A)* is the statewide assessment created to ensure the state's compliance with the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004* (IDEA) and the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. The *Dakota STEP-A* assessment is aligned with the South Dakota Alternate Content Standards in Reading and Mathematics. This alternate assessment is intended to measure the skills of students with significant cognitive disabilities who are enrolled in Special Education programs. The alternate assessment (*Dakota STEP-A*) will consist of a single administration in spring 2006.

Spring 2006 Administration: Critical Dates

January 9–12, 2006	Pretest workshops
January 23, 2006	Scheduled delivery of <i>Dakota STEP-A</i> assessment materials
January 27, 2006	Material shortages and requests for additional assessment materials must be reported to the Harcourt Customer Support Center at 1-800-763-2306. <i>Requests received after this date may not arrive in time for the administration and will be shipped at the district's expense.</i>
Feb. 6–Mar. 17, 2006 <i>Dakota STEP-A</i> Administration	
March 22, 2006	LAST DAY for scorable documents to be picked up by UPS
March 24, 2006	LAST DAY for scorable documents to be delivered to Harcourt Assessment's Scoring Center
May 26, 2006	Districts receive <i>Dakota STEP-A</i> results

Questions regarding the administration of the *Dakota STEP-A* (alternate assessment) should be directed to **Linda Turner at 1-605-773-6119 or linda.turner@state.sd.us**.

Dakota STEP Administration Overview

The *South Dakota State Test of Educational Progress (Dakota STEP)* is the assessment system for accountability used to measure student proficiency and adequate yearly progress in South Dakota schools. The South Dakota Department of Education requires annual administration of *Dakota STEP* to students in grades 3 through 8 and 11.

Spring 2006 Administration: Critical Dates

December 16, 2005	Last day to notify the South Dakota Department of Education and Harcourt of Braille and large print materials needed for the spring 2006 administration.
Feb. 27–Mar. 3, 2006	Pretest workshops
March 20, 2006	Scheduled delivery of <i>Dakota STEP</i> assessment materials
March 24, 2006	Material shortages and requests for additional assessment materials must be reported to the Harcourt Customer Support Center at 1-800-763-2306. <i>Requests received after this date may not arrive in time for the administration and will be shipped at the district's expense.</i>
April 3–21, 2006	<i>Dakota STEP Administration</i>
April 26, 2006	LAST DAY for scorable documents to be picked up by UPS
April 28, 2006	LAST DAY for scorable documents to be delivered to Harcourt Assessment's Scoring Center
May 26, 2006	Districts receive SAT 10 (NRT) reports (<i>Dakota STEP</i> results are available in August).

Questions regarding the provision of assessment accommodations for LEP students should be directed to **Stephani Lebeda at 1-605-773-4693 or stephani.lebeda@state.sd.us**.

Questions regarding the provision of assessment accommodations for students with disabilities should be directed to **Melissa Flor at 1-605-773-8195 or melissa.flor@state.sd.us**.

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Customer Support Center	
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19500 Bulverde Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing Enrollment Figures
San Antonio, TX 78259	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact/Address Changes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placing Orders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide assessment materials including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stanford Writing</i> • <i>Dakota ELP</i> • <i>Dakota STEP-A</i> • <i>Dakota STEP</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of Shipments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration instructions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packing & Returning materials
Customer Service	
Phone: 1-800-211-8378	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering Off-grade <i>Stanford 10</i> Test Materials
Fax: 1-800-232-1223	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering OLSAT®8 Test Materials
P.O. Box 708912	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering Home School Test Materials
San Antonio, TX 78270-8912	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering Ancillary Test Support Materials
Scoring Services Hot Line	
Phone: 1-800-328-5999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Identification Services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-Grade Scoring Services
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution of Scoring Issues
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoring Services
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